



Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

1792 Washington "Half Dollar" in Gold

3 messages

Ron Guth <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Dec 23, 2009 at 1:22 PM

To: '[REDACTED]' <[REDACTED]>

Dear Mr. Newman,

Seasons greetings! I hope all is well with you and yours.

I am writing in regards to your 1792 Washington "Half Dollar" in gold, which is one of the rarest and most valuable of all U.S. coins, but which has been hardly publicized. I'd like to change that, if possible. Would it be possible to obtain a high quality image of the coin and permission to use it for the following purposes?:

1. A proposed brochure/book on the rarest U.S. coins, and
2. For use on the PCGS CoinFacts website to illustrate this unique coin

On another matter, do you have any knowledge of the gold 1791 Cent (Baker 15), once thought to exist but unconfirmed today?

Many thanks for your time. I am happy to answer any questions you might have.

Best wishes,

Ron Guth
President
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[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Wed, Dec 23, 2009 at 2:53 PM

Dear Ron:

I was surprised but not too concerned about the omission of the gold 1792 WASHINGTON PRESIDENT in the 100 rarest US coins which I believe you participated in writing. I had been under the impression that it was not only genuine and unique but the most prestigious United States coin. It is a pattern as are many other rarities. The omission seems to indicate that unless a coin is marketed or commercially publicized sufficiently it does not get adequate recognition. It is thoughtful of you to recognize the omission and wish to correct it. It is on display at this time in our museum at Washington University in St. Louis along with the silver and copper examples from the same set of dies.

I am always willing to cooperate with anyone writing a scholarly piece of numismatic history but hope to have it accurate. Sometimes I feel that I should ask for submission of the manuscript to me for review and clarification. I am thinking about that in your situation because I notice that you refer to the piece as a "Half Dollar" in your communication to me and in my opinion that is erroneous.. There may be some disagreement as to background but those matters must be presented or straightened out to the extent possible. As you may know I have very little interest in the commercial value of numismatic items.

I have a large file on the subject and wrote it up long ago. I think you should tell me what you have assembled or are assembling as well as the reliable sources you want to use. If you wish to telephone me at a convenient time my number is [REDACTED]

It is a pleasure to help you and I look forward to doing so. A happy holiday to you. Eric .

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Ron Guth <[REDACTED]>

Wed, Dec 23, 2009 at 4:40 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Dear Eric,

False alarm...we did capture a black widow spider but I don't think it bit my wife. I'm sorry for cutting our phone call short, but my wife hates spiders and she was screaming just at the thought of the creature on her arm.

Many thanks for your time...I really enjoyed our conversation and I look forward to speaking with you again in the future.

Best wishes,

Ron Guth

President

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, December 23, 2009 11:53 AM
To: Ron Guth
Subject: Re: 1792 Washington "Half Dollar" in Gold

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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Coin Photography

1 message

Ron Guth <[REDACTED]>

Thu, Dec 24, 2009 at 12:19 PM

To: "[REDACTED]" <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

I had a nice conversation yesterday with David Hall, who generously offered to create a photographic record of your collection, at our expense, by sending our photographer and me to your museum (along with JD). Your cost - nothing...except your time. You would get high-quality images that you could use for any purpose you wish. We would get images we could use on PCGS CoinFacts.

Let me know if this idea intrigues you.

Best wishes,

Ron Guth
President
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Eric Newman <[REDACTED]>

Black widow spider department

2 messages

[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
To: [REDACTED]

Mon, Jan 4, 2010 at 2:06 PM

Dear Ron:

I have had the opportunity over the holidays to think over the suggestions submitted by you and David Hall. I certainly want to try to cooperate in any worthwhile projects but I believe you are asking too much of me to ask for imaging all or major parts of our collection..

I am not familiar with the PCGS CoinFacts and do not know what its goals are or whether if it is a profit making project or otherwise. None of that would not stop me from helping but I would want to know .

My suggestion is that if you make a list of a few unusual pieces which we might have and which are not readily obtainable otherwise that we could be helpful. In addition to the 1792 Washington President in gold for example the 1787 Massachusetts Cent with transposed arrows, the 100 mill 1783 plain edge silver pattern, the 1913 type 2 Indian nickel in copper (which was in the leather holder for the 1913 Liberty Head nickels) or some unusual colonials. Then it could be worthwhile to send a photographer to take the images. I presume you do not wish to include American paper money if the name is CoinFacts.

Please tell your wife that my wife was bitten by a brown recluse spider long ago and I had to wheel her around in a grocery shopping cart for several days. She enjoyed every moment. We have been bitten by bedbugs in Uzbekistan and by thousands of mosquitos on the Sepic River in New Guinea. We have kept a hairy tarantula as a pet at our home. The Bureau of Engraving and Printing uses a spider press. Tell her that the spider web is a construction of astonishing brilliance.

Happy 2010

Eric .

Ron Guth <[REDACTED]>

Tue, Jan 5, 2010 at 1:11 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Hi Eric,

Thanks for your response. You have a great sense of humor. I need a new car and all I can think of after reading your missive is a Fiat Spider!

Have you seen the images of the webs spun by spiders on various drugs?

<http://www.buzzfeed.com/blanca/spiders-on-drugs>

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We are totally flexible and appreciate any opportunity to image your coins, as few or as many as you feel willing to share.

I'll be heading to the F.U.N. show tomorrow for some coin fun in the sun...I'll be available by email or phone.

Stay well.

Ron Guth

President

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Monday, January 04, 2010 11:07 AM
To: Ron Guth
Subject: Black widow spider department

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